



The Looms of God

The years of men are the looms of God

Let down from the place of the sun,
Wherein we are weaving always

Till the mystic web is done.

Weaving kindly, but weaving surely,
Each for himself his fate;
We may not see how the right side looks,
We can only weave and wait.

But looking above for the pattern,
No weaver hath need to fear,
Only let him look clear into heaven—
The perfect Pattern is there.

—A. G. Chester.

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Current Signs

A DIGEST OF CURRENT EVENTS IN THE LIGHT OF PROPHECY
BY ALBERT J. LEBECK

Labor and Destruction

A 4,000-pound bomb dropped into an industrial city will lay flat buildings within a radius of thirty-five yards.

The British estimate that one 2,000 ton bombing raid causes damage equal to the work of at least 75,000 Germans for one month! while the cost of such a raid to the Allies is the work of some 18,500 men and women for the same period.—*Liberty*.

A Crippled Soldier Speaks

A young soldier, just returned from the South Pacific, says he has come home with some iron in him and "with a very different heart in me from the one I left with."

"Part of my right arm is gone, and perhaps that gives me the right to speak." He came to town on a Sunday and wanted to go to church for an evening service. He was advised how to get to an out-of-doors bowl service, but by mistake he went to the fairground and found himself in the midst of a crowd of 20,000 people who had come to see an army review. He stayed for the army show.

"The show wasn't bad, but it wasn't especially good, and it certainly wasn't important enough to be held on a Sunday. I feel that the 20,000 could have done much better for the cause of freedom by going to church instead of the fairgrounds. I do not berate them; I say that they were misled, even as I was. I left America a careless person. Over there, in a jungle, with death spitting at me, I found a personal Saviour, to whom I am pledged never to be careless again. Cannot our fellow citizens at home find Him before they have to suffer grave dangers?"

Food for Thought

K-rations issued American soldiers will contain one more item, the Joint Army and Navy Committee on Welfare and Recreation announces. Hymn leaflets will be wrapped around the rations being sent our fighting men in combat zones. The first issue of a small folder

containing twelve non-denominational hymns and the 23rd Psalm already has been published by the War Department. While most of the folders will be issued through the chaplains, the Quartermaster General's department will wrap a million copies around K-rations.

Included among the hymns are: "Faith of Our Fathers," "America The Beautiful," "There's a Church in the Valley," "Abide With Me," "God Bless America," "Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory," "God Will Take Care of You," and "Oh God, Our Help in Ages Past." A film, "Hymns from Home," is in the course of preparation for informal showing in Army posts and general hospitals throughout the world.—*Pathfinder*.

Chemist Sees Future War as Too Deadly

The development of aerial bombs and poisonous gases is making it necessary for the peoples of the world to live at peace "if they wish to live at all."

Dr. R. G. Gustavson, acting president of Colorado University, in an address at the commencement exercises of the navy's Japanese language school, located at Colorado University, pointed out that present explosives are mighty as Berliners can probably testify." Dr. Gustavson, a nationally known chemist said "if some of the research in progress both in Germany and in Allied nations should reach a successful conclusion a new explosive will be developed which will cause all others to fade into insignificance.

"It is not outside of the realm of possibility three bombs of the explosive now being worked on most vigorously, both by enemies and Allies, would destroy a city the size of London. Science has been given a blueprint of hell and surely one can say science is fast making that blueprint a reality."

Gas Masks Useless

Outlining new developments in chemical gases, Dr. Gustavson described nickel-carbonyl, "which actually depends

upon the gas mask to become toxic and dangerous."

He declared: "Imagine a gas attack where a mixture of let us say mustard gas, Lewisite and nickel-carbonyl are used. If a soldier keeps his gas mask on the nickel-carbonyl is decomposed by the ordinarily protective charcoal in the masks and he suffers from carbon monoxide poisoning. If he takes his mask off, he meets the attack of mustard and Lewisite gases. From L. W. Michaelson of INS.

Roosevelt, Willkie Write on Function of Church

President Roosevelt, in a message to the National Council of the Protestant Episcopal Church, said:

"In these days of struggle which try every soul and every institution and every tradition, we are all in desperate need of a light that is not of men. May God grant that the church will not fail in providing that light in our present darkness."

This was the answer to an inquiry by Rt. Rev. Walter H. Gray, suffragan bishop of the Episcopal diocese of Connecticut. The inquiry was also addressed to Wendell Willkie, asking the president

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Modern Miracles

by HARRY A. JAEGER

Rear Admiral Ross T. McIntire, Surgeon General of United States Navy and personal physician to the President, recently made some encouraging announcements to the American public which may well be compared to the spiritual work being accomplished among the men of all branches of service. Probably the army could report just as brilliant a record for the past two years of war.

"In the last World War 7% of the men wounded in action died," the Admiral stated. "In this war we are losing just a little more than 2% of our wounded. Of 4,039 army, navy and marine casualties treated aboard one naval hospital ship since the Solomon's attack began, only 7 deaths have occurred. Of 72 men suffering penetrating chest wounds at Guadalcanal, only 2 men died."

97% Recover

"Ninety-seven percent of all naval and marine casualties wounded in the period between Pearl Harbor and last spring have recovered. Only 2.6% have died. Only 0.9% were invalidated from service. This is a record to give a sense of security to any fighting man."

Miracle Drugs

The reasons for these amazing figures is attributed to the wide use of many "miracle" drugs. A broad knowledge of medicine among the laymen of the medical corps with an elaborate program of education warns of the fatal consequences of lockjaw, gas gangrene, treptococcal infection, or secondary shock. Lectures, motion pictures and practical lessons have made every man guard against an enemy far worse than Tap or Hun. The Admiral says further, "Our campaign of educating sailors and marines in disease prevention and first aid is unceasing," and further in conclusion he states:

"Death rates for all diseases in the Navy today are only 65.34 for each 100,000 men. In 1918 the death rate was 1,179.66 for each 100,000 men. With sulpha drugs we have reduced the rate from lobar pneumonia alone from 19.29 for every 100,000 men in 1918 to 1.5 per 100,000 in 1942."

These miraculous accomplishments

of the medical profession as their part in bringing America's 12,000,000 service men home physically sound will mean joy to thousands of American parents as "Johnny comes marching home." Yet greater than these, by far, are the thousands of modern miracles of Redemptive grace as men moved by the power of God are turning to Christ as their Saviour. Could it be that homes made glad by the return of sons from battle will in too many instances be made sad again to find that the "Johnny" who went away as a lad twelve months before with a simple faith in God will come back to spread profanity and ungodliness over the home and community? Is there grave danger that our greatest casualties will be spiritual rather than physical? That even though thousands have found the Lord under the faithful ministry of many, there will be the greater number lost because there was too little—too late?

The army of the United States has established a Chaplains' Corps that is a testimony to the influence of Christianity in our country, and there are more men attending religious services conducted by chaplains than at any time in military history. The publication of gospel literature has carried the printed gospel message to the hands of millions of men in every branch of the service and several denominations are providing service pastors or civilian chaplains. At several camps, Christian Service centers have been established to minister to men of that area who will cross their threshold. Still our task is just begun.

Modern Miracles

Modern miracles have saved thousands as assorted evangelistic programs yield crowded altars in services held on military posts and in training areas. Raymond T. Richey has taken his red, white and blue tent to scores of training centers. From the first two weeks the tent was up at Camp Blanding near Starks, Florida, where 1,612 came to an old-fashioned altar for old-fashioned salvation in 1941, through the months that followed, God's continued blessings have evidenced His approval in the thousands finding Christ. To this day that beautiful canvas cathedral, veteran

of a dozen storms, and torn to the ground on some occasions, has continually witnessed the gospel in saving power. In Miami, Florida, it was erected near an Army Air Corps school, where 1,200 men took communion at one communion service and frequently over 3,000 men heard the gospel message. Through southern camps to the western bases and on to the Pacific Northwest, it was erected in the heart of Seattle at the request of Mayor Wm. F. Devin, for war workers and service-men alike, America's fighting men have joined in these gospel meetings, and rejoiced in salvation through the blood of Christ.

The efficiency of our navy has transported wounded from a dozen battle fronts back to our home base military hospitals for treatment and convalescence. Modern transportation, in accomplishing this, has made it possible for John Sitton to lead hundreds to Christ as he devotes his time tirelessly to gospel work in hospitals. He reports that it is common for 40 to 50 to accept Christ in one day's work as he visits the wards and gives them a New Testament or a tract and gospel testimony.

Thanks to the Air Transport Command, Del Grant preached to thousands of men who are stationed through the Yukon Territory and above the Arctic circle, along the Arctic Sea, and at the base at Nome on the edge of the Bering Sea. Later, Naval Air Transportation permitted me to preach to men stationed through the Aleutian chain, to men who made up the task force that took the Island of Kiska and to those who bombed the Paramachiro Islands of Japan's Kurile chain. Across the submarine-infested waters, Del Grant has witnessed miracles of Saving Grace, as he ministered to men of the North Atlantic patrol who are based in Newfoundland and islands to the north.

On a Georgia hillside; one night so cold that I shivered in an overcoat, there were seven hundred men that sat bundled in coats and blankets to hear a gospel message, and when I gave the invitation over half of that entire crowd moved forward to accept Christ. They could have been at a theater or a dance or in

bed, but there they came, many of them weeping as they gave their hearts to Christ. Another night aboard one of our naval craft, even before an invitation was given, 39 men stood to their feet, led by a shipmate and came repenting of sins to surrender their lives to the Lord. In a western camp, 65 men, including 4 officers, knelt at an old-fashioned altar and prayed, many in tears, asking forgiveness of sins; recently, after six months I visited that camp and found that without a chaplain, even though they had never before seen an altar, those men have been conducting regular services and a sergeant is doing the preaching. "We have an altar call at every service, too," he said when telling me about their faithfulness.

The Gauntlet of Sin

The approach to many army camps is lined with taverns, liquor stores, dance dens, and places of questionable character. The main streets of most of the small towns near which the majority of our principal camps are built have given ample space to assorted establishments of sin and vice. In a number of military areas this has been so prominent that military officers have placed the entire town out of bounds to protect the men. A few days ago I visited Scott Field, Illinois, to find the chaplains with an indictment against church people of that entire area for having been entirely oblivious to the spiritual needs of the thousands of service men stationed there. Bellville, the city nearby, affords innumerable places of ill fame, an ample supply of liquor, and as one attorney put it "U.S.O.s to furnish programs of supervised dance on Sunday afternoons where girls make dates for Tuesday or Wednesday night unsupervised." However, there is nothing in this town where the men can receive a spiritual lift, the chaplains are confident that a Christian center would be the answer to the problems of hundreds of men; preserve many who may otherwise be enticed by the halls of sin, win many hundreds who have never yet found Christ—preventing spiritual casualties.

It takes more than a bright auditorium, a noisy juke box, free doughnuts, and pretty girls to drive lonesomeness and discouragement from a young fellow's heart. The navy and the army place doctors at stations where they expect that there may be a probable cas-

ualty. If we are alert to the need and the dangers, would it not be wise to place a worker with a remedy to snatch men as brands from the burning to prevent a casualty becoming a fatality?

Guard Against Casualties

The number of centers for Christian fellowship are far too inadequate to meet the need in any appreciable way. No! Local churches are not capable nor equipped to meet the need. They are away from the center around which men move in their visits to civilian communities, and do not reach even a small part of the bulk of unsaved service men. The majority of spiritual casualties take place at other than church hours, usually in downtown areas, where service men congregate when they have hours to waste. Some of our best work is accomplished in bus and rail stations, between 10:00 p.m. and midnight. Of course they could come and see the pastor, but how many boys would visit a pastor at other than church hours? Very few, and there still remain the thousands of unsaved who have no reason to visit a church, but who would visit a clean place of Christian environment if it were conveniently located. There they would be subject to the alert testimony of Christian workers.

Victims of Neglect

Recently I met a drunken soldier boy and found him to be a former young people's leader of a western state. The son of a Baptist preacher came and poured out a tale of sin as he surrendered his heart to Christ. In a bus station a soldier who staggered through the door, had come from a fine Christian home in Mississippi, a backslider, because of the neglect of the spiritual contact to which he was accustomed. These are only three of scores of such incidents that any of the army camp workers might mention. In the building of any army there are many casualties in the course of training and it is there that precaution is taken and instructions are given that prevent a great many more possible casualties on the battle front. With our medical authorities making every possible effort to preserve the men physically, how much more important it is that *every possible* effort be made to preserve them spiritually, and at any cost.

In civil life frequent evangelistic programs are offered to continually give
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A Living Sermon

I'd rather see a sermon than hear one any day.
I'd rather one would walk with me, than merely show the way.
The eye's a better pupil, and more willing than the ear;
Fine counsel is confusing, but example's always clear.

The best of all the preachers are the men who live their creeds,
For to see good put in action is what everybody needs;
I can soon learn to do it if you'll let me see it done,
I can watch your hands in action, but your tongue too fast may run.

The lectures you deliver may be very wise and true,
But I'd rather get my lesson by observing what you do.
I may not understand that high advice that you can give,
But there's no misunderstanding how you act, and how you live.

Dangerous Sleep

It was while Sisera slept that Jael drove the nail into his temples and ended his days. (Judges 4:21.) It was while Samson slept that the Philistines shaved him, and his strength went from him (Judges 16:19.) It was while Saul slept that his life was endangered (1 Sam. 26:7; and while the virgins slumbered the bridegroom came (Matt. 25:5.)

Much more dreadful is the spiritual slumber in which many are wrapped. Said the wise man: "How long wilt thou sleep, thou sluggard?" (Prov. 6:9), and to many who are careless about their souls, the same question might well be put. "Wherefore He saith, Awake thou that sleepest, and arise from the dead, and Christ shall give thee light." (Eph. 5:14.)

Don't Read This

I am not bound to win but
I am bound to be true
I am not bound to succeed but
I am bound to live up to the light I have;
I must stand with anybody that stands right

Stand with him while he is right
And part with him when he is wrong.

—Abraham Lincoln.

STUDIES IN DANIEL

By J. NARVER GORTNER

STUDY IV

Divinely Preserved in the Midst of Fire

Chapter 3

In the eleventh chapter of Hebrews here is an inspiring catalogue of worthies who by faith "obtained a good report." Some are mentioned by name, but the writer tells us that "time would fail" him to tell of others "who through faith subdued kingdoms, wrought righteousness, ob- kingdoms, wrought righteousness, ob- jected, quenched the violence of fire, es- jected, quenched the violence of fire, es- caped the edge of the sword, out of caped the edge of the sword, out of weakness were made strong, waxed val- weakness were made strong, waxed val- ant in fight, turned to flight the armies ant in fight, turned to flight the armies of the aliens." A whole volume could easily be written pointing out these mar- velous achievements of faith that the inspired writer simply alludes to. In this third chapter of Daniel we read how three faithful servants of the Lord "quenched the violence of fire," or, as is rendered in the R. V., "the power of fire," the word rendered "violence" being *dunamin*, which means "power," this being the only passage in which the word is rendered "violence."

I. A World Ruler Who Sought to Establish

A Universal Religion

Verses 1-3. The world ruler was Nebuchadnezzar. Two world powers had been striving for the mastery, Babylonia in the east and Egypt in the west. Babylonia had triumphed over Egypt, and the whole world was crouching, as it were, at the feet of Nebuchadnezzar, who was indeed a king of kings. He was seated upon the very pinnacle of human greatness and power. It was his desire to perpetuate his empire, and to this end he aspired to weld the numerous kingdoms that had been conquered into one homogeneous whole by establishing a universal religion. Antichrist will attempt to do the same thing at the time of the end, and will be more successful than was Nebuchadnezzar. Nebuchadnezzar was the first king of "the times of the Gentiles"; Antichrist will be the last. It has been suggested that the image Nebuchadnezzar made

was an image of his god Bel-Merodach, but it seems more likely that it was designed to represent himself. Daniel who interpreted the image-vision of chapter two had said, "Thou art this head of gold" (verse 38), and here we find the king making an image all of gold, and requiring that it be worshipped, and proclaiming that a refusal or failure to comply with the demands of the king shall be regarded as a capital offense to be punished with death. At the time of the end the image of the Antichrist will be set up in the rebuilt temple in Jerusalem, and the earth dwellers will be required to worship it, and a refusal to conform to the requirement will be death (Rev. 13:15). Mark the trend at the present time. We are told that all religions are good; they are different roads that lead to the same place; all who tread these roads will some day arrive at the same destination. There has been a federation of churches; soon there will be a federation of religions; then the Antichrist, in the interest of more perfect unity, will decree that there shall be just one religion. Christianity and all other religions will be set aside, and a world religion will be proclaimed. The object of worship will be the beast, the Antichrist.

II. An Absurd Royal Edict to a Disregard of Which Was Affixed an Unreasonable Penalty

Verses 4-6. It is an interesting fact that in the plain of Dura, where this image was set up, excavators have discovered in recent years the pedestal of an enormous statue, and it has been supposed that upon this pedestal once stood this image of gold. It is not surprising that the image is missing, for the image was of gold, solid gold it may be, or, what is more likely, simply plated with gold. When the Babylonian empire was overthrown, or, more likely, when Nebuchadnezzar was converted, for he seems to have been genuinely converted before he died, the gold of the image was otherwise made use of. Nebuchadnezzar, at the time this image was set up, seems not to have consulted others as to the wisdom of his course. He was an absolute monarch; he had

in his hands the power of life and death (5:19), and, being of a wilful and tyrannical nature, he hesitated not to decree the death of any man or men who dared to dispute his authority or refuse to obey his will. Different modes of capital punishment have been in vogue at differnt times. At this particular time the mode was death in a fiery furnace. After the fall of Babylon, or, the displacing of the head of gold by the breast and arms of silver, it was death in the lions' den.

III. An Example of Heroism and Fidelity to Duty and Conviction That Has Rarely Been Paralleled

Verses 7-18. The people came from all parts of the empire to attend the dedication of the image. There must have been a vast concourse of people present. It was indeed a great occasion. To refuse to come at the behest of the king was probably regarded as high treason; it was looked upon as open defiance of constituted authority; the guilty one was an enemy of the state, and deserved to die. Of course we are not to understand that all the people of the kingdoms over which Nebuchadnezzar was reigning came to the dedication; it was scarcely possible for all the people to come, but all the representative people were present; the people were there in the person of their representatives. And, mark the fact, that the edict of the king was of such a nature that it made no provision for any trial before judge or jury of any person or persons who might refuse to obey the king's command. "Whosoever falleth not down and worshippeth shall be cast *the same hour* into the midst of a burning fiery furnace." All who were assembled obeyed with the exception of three Jews, the three who were Daniel's friends, and who, with him, had not eaten of the king's meat or drank of the king's wine. Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego refused to obey the king's command. "We ought to obey God rather than men" (Acts 5:29), and God had said. "Thou shalt have no other gods before Me" (Ex. 20:3). These Jews knew that because this command-

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Watch and Pray

by THOMAS B. DON CARLOS

"And He cometh unto the disciples and findeth them asleep, and saith unto Peter, What, could ye not watch with me one hour? Watch and pray, that ye enter not into temptation: the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." —Matt. 26:40, 41.

The Lord came to His disciples and found them asleep at one of the most critical times of their career.



T. B. Don Carlos

They had just finished having communion with their Lord. They left the upper room and went directly into the garden, for soon their Lord was to be crucified. I am sure that they had not a thought of falling asleep and forsaking their Lord. Should they have been mindful of it they would have guarded against it by watching and praying without ceasing.

There are many Christians at this present time who have put too much confidence in the flesh and have not obeyed the command of our Lord Jesus Christ. They have ceased watching and praying as He has expected of them; therefore they have also fallen into a deep sleep, spiritually speaking. The sad part is many do not seem to realize their condition. If they were made to comprehend their state, they would do something about it.

We are living in days of great peril when we need to watch our spiritual lives so that we do not drift with the spirit of the world for they are striving for the temporal things of life. This is uppermost in their minds and hearts.

This temptation has befallen many of the people of God who once had time to pause and worship. Their chief joy was to be in communion with their Lord and they were constantly striving for the things which were not seen, for they knew that those things were eternal. After all, that is what we need to keep in view—our eternal destiny.

We would do well to carefully inspect ourselves along those lines, for we

must always remember that the spirit is willing but the flesh is weak. The flesh lusteth against the spirit and the spirit against the flesh, and those are contrary the one to the other. Let us not be deceived, "God is not mocked: For whatsoever a man soweth that shall he also reap. For he that soweth to his flesh shall of the flesh reap corruption; but he that soweth to the spirit shall of the spirit reap life everlasting."

These are great days in which we live, especially to the Christian who has managed to keep himself awake by watching and praying. Jesus is coming again for that one, but the one that has fallen asleep will be left. I can almost hear the words, "Sleep on, for your hour has come." They will awake to their sorrow as the wrath of God is poured upon them without mercy.

Let all who read take heed, for blessed are those servants, whom the Lord when He cometh shall find watching: "Verily I say unto you, that He shall gird himself and make them to sit down to meat, and will come forth and serve them."

Whether He shall come in the second watch, or come in the third watch, or whenever He comes and finds you watching, blessed are you.

So I say unto you, watch and pray, behold He cometh.

Humility

is perfect quietness of heart. It is to have no trouble, It is never to be fretted, or vexed, or irritated or sore, or disappointed.

It is to expect nothing, to wonder at nothing that is done to me, to feel nothing done against me. It is to be at rest when nobody praises me, and when I am blamed or despised. It is to have a blessed home in the Lord, where I can go to my Father in secret, and am at peace as in a deep sea of calmness, when all around and above is trouble.—Andrew Murray.

Strange But True

Some would rather suffer the tortures of condemnation than to enjoy the relief of confession.

Who Is to Blame?

These years of awful bloodshed,

We ask what or who's to blame
When the old year dies in sorrow

And the new year dawns the same.
Our God is still existing,

The earth revolves in space,
The skies are blue above us,
And the planets keep their place.

The sun in all his splendor
Gives forth his glorious light;
The stars no man can number
Still twinkle in the night;
The moon in all her beauty
Sends down her silvery ray;
The fish play 'neath the waters
While billows dash and spray.

The trees their hands are clapping,
The rivers onward flow,
The rain descends from heaven,
The seasons come and go,
The flowers give forth their fragrance,
Their perfume fills the air;
The little birds are singing
God's praises everywhere.

All nature seems in rhythm
With God's most holy plan.
The only source of discord
Comes from the heart of man;
Though made in God's own image,
His masterpiece of art,
The powers of sin and Satan
Hath filled his mind and heart.

Now Satan tries to banish
Our God from off His throne,
To seize the Lord's possessions
And claim them as his own.
The time is not far distant,
He'll meet a grand surprise
When God will send an angel
Descending from the skies.

A mighty chain he carries,
The holy Scripture tell,
With which to bind old Satan
Into his prison cell.
One thousand years imprisoned
The powers of Satan cease;
Then dawns the great millennium,
One thousand years of peace.

—Lillie Buffum.

A rainy night should at least insure
the prayer meeting against being so dry
Only the most spiritual will be present.

News From Here and There

By ALBERT J. LEBECK, Field Reporter :: 2622 W Street :: Sacramento, California

APOTOS—Brother Ralph Ware has started a new work there. When the Sunday School was opened in December there were 24 in attendance. Let us pray for Brother Ware whose health has been poorly for some time.

BERKELEY—During November Evangelist Frank Smith and wife held a very good meeting for Pastor Eleanor Johnson. Bible studies conducted in the midweek services were a blessing to all and were well attended. Their ministry was enjoyed by all.

BURLINGAME—Pastor Albert Pickhorn is now making the negotiations which will move the church from its present place of worship to larger, finer, well-equipped premises now known as Hoover Hall.

CERES—Harry Oeth has resigned as pastor. Evangelist Sherman Cox has been elected his successor.

CHICO—The fellowship meeting held there on New Year's Day was blessed of the Lord. Pastor Paul Radley reports that "there was a full house all day." Gordon Lindsay was the afternoon speaker. Marcus Gaston spoke in the evening service which was a C. A. rally.

EUREKA—Pastor J. W. Belcher reports: "The Eureka church closed the old year and ushered in the new with a record watch-night service in which other churches of the Redwood District were present. Evangelist Jack Opie and wife were present. . . . Then followed two weeks of real spiritual blessings to our people as the evangelist spoke under the anointing of the Spirit. . . . A number decided for Christ. We recommend them . . . as real servants of the Lord."

GILROY—Brother and Sister R. Havner recently closed a revival with Pastor Nettie Clark at the Glad Tidings Church. One received the baptism and the entire church was revived. Seven new members were added to the church previously. Sister Clark has been in Gilroy since July 25.

GRASS VALLEY—Brother and Sister W. A. McBride, pastors, report: "As we look back upon the past eight months we find many blessings for which to thank God. A number have been saved and one baptized. A young man, recently saved, received the baptism of the Holy Ghost at our New Year's Watchnight service. During the summer months the Sunday School reached a new high with 75 in attendance. . . . We are fasting and praying that more souls will be saved in 1944. In November the Assembly was blessed and profited by the ministry of Evangelist and Mrs. Gordon Lindsay."

GREENFIELD—Pastor Emma Cornett Costella reports that they are experiencing the blessing of the Lord in a special way. Two received the baptism of the Holy Spirit New Year's night, a good way to begin the year.

HEALDSBURG—The Northbay District fellowship meeting was held there Jan. 17.

The afternoon speaker was Ralph H. Malloy. Cecil M. Roebuck, who has started a new work in Sausalito, was the speaker at the C. A. rally in the evening.

HIWAY CITY—Pastor W. A. Frazier reports that the Sunday School has reached a new high of 80 in attendance. The church has decided to buy a building and move it on to a lot next to the church for use as a parsonage.

JANESVILLE—Brother and Sister Floyd T. Taylor, formerly of Winnemucca, Nevada, are the new pastors in Janesville.

LAS VEGAS, NEVADA—A blessed fellowship meeting was held there January 4. Pastor Paul Cooper of Kingman, Arizona, was the speaker. Harold E. Rhodes is the pastor.

LINCOLN—The interior of the church building has been renovated, making a fine improvement. The Sunday School rooms have also been improved. Reports come to the office that a real good work has been done. Julia Peterson and Ruth Bertenshaw are the pastors.

MIDDLETOWN—Sister Annabelle McKenzie spent several weeks helping the pastor, Lydia Pearsall, in the work there.

OAKLAND (Bethel)—Evangelist Hans Bretschneider held a good revival meeting for Pastor R. H. Moon in January.

OAKLAND (Gospel Light)—A business meeting was held there on January 17 at which time District Superintendent affiliated the church with the Council. Pastor Irving F. Ford is doing a good work in building a good foundation of spiritual people. They have a new building program planned to be carried out as soon as war conditions will permit.

OAKLAND (First Pentecostal)—A combined fellowship meeting of the East Bay and the Peninsula Districts was held there January 10. It was a blessed day. A ministers' prayer meeting was held in the morning; about 45 were in attendance. A fellowship banquet was enjoyed at noon at a downtown restaurant. Leonard Rogers was the speaker at the afternoon service. In the evening service T. J. Jones was the speaker.

REDWOOD CITY—Evangelist Dorothy Fowler held a good meeting for Pastor Edward Gomes during January.

RENO, NEVADA—Pastor William Savidge has been unanimously elected to remain as pastor at a business meeting of the church there January 11. The fellowship meeting there on New Year's Day was well attended. A time of fasting and prayer was observed between the afternoon and evening services. Hubert Rannells was the afternoon speaker; Earl Larson of Westwood preached in the evening.

RICHMOND—Pastor C. E. Persing writes: "January 16 we closed a most successful revival meeting with Arthur S. Arnold—a num-

ber saved and healed. We reached an all-time high for Sunday School attendance, it being 704. The men's Bible class numbered 110. We are making plans to build a new church as soon as possible on lots recently purchased."

ROHNERVILLE—Pastor H. C. Lafferty has resigned from the work there.

SACRAMENTO—Writes Luther G. Baker: "We have launched out into gospel work here . . . We have leased the entire second floor of the Windsor Building, N.W. corner 8th and J Streets. We are moving our bookstore there and are opening a chapel for noon-day services. We also hope as soon as possible to begin evangelistic services in the evening. We hope to have an evangelistic center where evangelism will be stressed. . . . We hope to do something also for the service men as we have lots of room. We are equipping a public reading and rest room free to the public . . ."

SANTA CRUZ—Brother and Sister H. A. Park of San Diego spoke there January 1, bringing them a very profitable missionary service. They showed 120 slides of the Chinese Mission field. Brother John Nicolich was there January 21. Evangelist Oral Hart will begin a campaign there February 6. Albert Ruedger is the pastor.

SANTA ROSA—Evangelist and Mrs. Wm. D. Swanson have been holding a very good meeting for Pastor M. P. Bohnet.

SUNNYVALE—Evangelist Cecil Grice began a meeting for Pastor H. Carver on January 23.

TUOLUMNE—Pastor "Jack" White has resigned and is open for evangelistic calls. Harry Oeth has been elected as the new pastor.

UKIAH—A cement sidewalk has just been put in front of the church there. Raymond Murray is the pastor.

Open for Calls

Chas. F. Parker, 126 E. St. James St., San Jose, 12, Calif., is open for calls for evangelistic meetings, Bible teaching, anywhere in California.

Mrs. Martha Hoff, 2740 College Ave., Berkeley, Calif., ordained, from the Wisconsin and Northern Michigan District, is open for evangelistic work in the District during this Spring before her return to the East.

"The glory of tomorrow is rooted in the drudgery of today."

What advice you would give to another, take yourself.

Personal Mention

Brother and Sister RICHARD HAVNER send greetings from Kansas where they are now engaged in evangelistic work. They recently held meetings in St. John, and from there went to Hill City for a revival.

RAY and GRACE DAVIS, formerly of Burlingame, are now the pastors of a new church in Pasadena, Calvary Tabernacle.

From Bakersfield comes word from Brother and Sister FRED REICHERT, former pastors in Salinas. A recent six-weeks meeting held in Faith Tabernacle there was blessed of the Lord in a number being saved, some filled with the Spirit, and some outstanding healings.

BERNICE SCHLIECKER and IRENE DENNERT were in South Dakota during the holiday season. They had spent the fall in evangelistic work in Missouri and Iowa.

Evangelists HAZEL YOUNGMAN and MILDRED HOWARD had a successful revival in Palm Springs recently.

Pastor LEE CONSTANT of Vacaville suffered a break in health just before the holidays but is now regaining strength and health again. He hopes to have the new parsonage completed before long.

Evangelist CECIL J. LOWRY writes that he will be in California during February and part of March and is open for a few services for a week or ten days. Brother Lowry is a Bible teacher, writer, and evangelist of note and is to be recommended to our fellowship.—R.J.T.

LESTER COON, former caretaker of the campground, is in the service and stationed at Santa Barbara. His address is T/4 Lester Coon, Medical Detachment, Hoff General Hospital, Santa Barbara, Calif.

NICHOLAS PIROLO sends greetings to his many friends here in the District. He is now the pastor of the Sheboygan Gospel Tabernacle, Sheboygan, Wisconsin.

Brother Thurmond has received a letter from RUSSELL CLARK, formerly

one of our licensed ministers from Westwood, California, that he is now in Italy, and has been overseas for several months. He is in a small unit which has no chaplain. He has had the privilege of holding meetings when they can on Sunday mornings. A few meet for prayer regularly. He is looking forward to coming home and taking up his work in the ministry. (Let us remember Brother Clark in prayer, also others of our brethren in the service.—R.J.T.)

Preachers Who Talk Too Much

Not a few preachers have fallen into a "talkative" habit. They seem to think that they must "add a word" to almost every announcement. By the time they get through most of the audience are worn to a frazzle and a lot of precious time has been wasted. A wise and observant editor calls attention to those preachers who think they must make "appropriate" remarks. They must think they are heard for their much speaking.

"Recently," says the editor, "we attended a church service at which the pastor introduced every hymn, every Scripture reading, every anthem and every other part of the service with "appropriate" remarks. The consequence was that an hour was used up, and the people, too, before he reached his sermon. Evidently that pastor thinks that he is paid for his much speaking. We are certain that his people would let him off with less. The truth is that he spoiled a beautiful service also because everybody was fidgety to get home to dinner by the time the sermon was begun. What a pity it is that he can't understand the value of time and learn not to fritter it away! We are making no plea for short services or short sermons, although we might make a plea for both of them. We are simply pleading that pastors are "interpolating" too many of their own side remarks."

When these side remarks are unusual, they are sometimes very delightful. When they are continuous, they are nerve-racking.—Rev. M. R. Hawk in *Free Methodist*.

Qualifications

For a Successful Christian Worker:
Holy Deadness
Holy Daring.
Holy Drudgery.

Foreign Missions

On the Way

Brother and Sister Lester Larson write: "We wish to express our sincere and wholehearted thanks to all the assemblies, pastors, and friends for their kindness and generosity to us in these past months of preparation for missionary work in Santiago, Chile, S.A. It has been a blessing and encouragement to us to become better acquainted with the saints in our District, and we ask you once again to pray for us as your workers ministering in the land of the Andes."

Peru

We hear that Brother and Sister Luther Perkins are taking an active part on the teaching staff of the Bible School in Lima this year.

A part of our calling as Christians is that we may adorn the doctrine of God our Saviour in all things." This we may do not only by believing on Him and being faithful in our witnessing to Him, but also, as the Apostle goes on to show to his young associate, Titus, by living godly lives before the world. We are to be Christian in our speech, in all our relationships with our fellow-men, in our fidelity to the things that are true and beautiful and good, and in all the good works that are to be done in the name of the One whom we love and serve. In the Apostle's expressive phrase, "We should live soberly, righteously and godly in this present world." It is only by such a life that it is possible for us to be well pleasing unto Him who hath loved us and saved us from our sins.

—*Christian Observer*.

The only time some folks hold the standard high is when the other fellow is guilty.

Our Need

It is Jesus *Himself* we are needing,
Not blessings of knowledge or power,
Not great gifts of praying and praising;
But Jesus *Himself* every hour.
The living unchangeable Jesus,
The Friend who is faithful indeed;
My own long experience has taught me
It is Jesus *Himself* we all need.

Trials do not weaken us; they only show us that we are weak.

District Council News

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Superintendent's Letter

Beloved in Christ Jesus:

By the time you read this our mid-winter convention will be over but the blessing of it will be lingering in our hearts, and the vision of the mission field, both home and abroad, gripping our hearts with new passion and zeal as never before. It is my earnest desire and prayer that some will catch the vision and hear the call of the Lord "whom shall I send, and who will go for us?" And the answer in complete consecration will be "Here am I, Lord, send me."

A challenge is still presented us as Pentecostal people to meet the need of the times not in our own strength and wisdom but in the demonstration and power of the Holy Ghost. Workers are needed to evangelize Nevada and on over in Utah, two states where there is such a need for the Full Gospel message. We can send, but we must have those whose dependence is not in the human; but called and sent of the Lord they will find faithfulness to His call will be rewarded.

The holiday season was a time of blessing, and though not out over the field from December 16 to December 31, correspondence was kept up and several interviews were held with those who contacted me. I could not help crying at the many lovely cards and remembrances. It surely is wonderful to be associated with such a host of friends and Christian workers.

The old year was seen out in a watch-night service at Glad Tidings Temple in San Francisco where Brother Keys and the temple members had a combined service with Pastor Chas. Weston and members of Bethel Church, and Sister C. Jones-Robertson and the colored folk. Surely the Lord blessed our hearts together, and His presence was manifest in the midst.

The first part of January was very busy with the midwinter convention plans. The Lord helped us to get every-

Schedule of Fellowship Meetings

February
1—Yreka, Oakland (Bethel)
7—Fortuna, Susanville
14—Auburn, Lakeport
21—Fairfield, Kerman, Pacific Grove
28—Live Oak

Minute Book Corrections

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Credentials Committee; L. R. Keys, Chairman.
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Lionel H. (Jack) White, Box 599, Riverbank, Calif.
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Robert Thomas, 559 Hoover St., San Jose, Calif.
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Calistoga Full Gospel Tabernacle, C. Nixon and M. Hynning, Co-pastors.

thing lined up in readiness for the opening.

My itinerary included a trip to Modesto and visiting with the Pentecostal Tabernacle folk, Sixth and G Streets, where Brother H. T. Langley is pastor, and staying overnight with Brother and Sister Langley in order to be at the North San Joaquin fellowship meeting held there the next day. We surely had a Pentecostal fellowship meeting which refreshed our hearts and made all feel the need of yielding more to the moving of the Holy Spirit during 1944. It would be a good thing if all would seek this above everything else as our ministry would be richer and fuller with more of the power of God in the midst and a loving fellowship with all.

The Home Missions Committee met in Burlingame and also in Oakland. Important decisions were made, especi-

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The Secretary's Report of the Convention

Certainly God was with us during the Midwinter convention at Bethel Temple Sacramento. Beginning with the first service on Rally night, Brother Perkins, our General Missions Department Secretary, ministered to us most excellently. Our hearts were enlarged and our vision was extended to include all the world as we prayed and consider the field of ministry. Again and again we were thrilled as we heard of God's protecting care over the workers who had been in the war areas.

The morning services were blessed of the Lord with our local people ministering to us from God's Word. Brother Freimark brought us a thought-provoking message concerning hearing God's voice. Our spirits were lifted and encouraged by the victorious note of Brother Draper's good message. Once again we were reminded of the importance, and the opportunities in Sunday School work, as we listened to the corps of workers under Sister Mast, bring us the burden of their hearts.

India and her great needs burdened our hearts anew as Inez Kreiss, recently returned from that great and needy land, recounted her experiences on the field, and challenged us with the great work to be done there.

Our District Superintendent's wife, Mrs. R. J. Thurmond, Director of the District Women's Missionary Council arranged an interesting program for a portion of one of the afternoon services, and Mrs. C. E. Persing, Treasurer of the WMC gave a report of the Women's Missionary Council meetings at the General Council in Springfield last September. Home Missionary Committee Chairman C. E. Persing introduced Brother Wm. Savidge, District Presbyter of the Nevada section, who caused us to search our hearts and ask ourselves why we were not doing something to meet the need in that state.

Herbert and Olga Felton brought be-

fore us a real subject for prayer as they told us of conditions in Peru. Recently returned from the field, Brother and Sister Felton were able to give us a vivid and interesting account of their experiences on the field.

Words are entirely inadequate to fully describe the rich movings of the Spirit of God in the evening services. Brother Howard Osgood, recently returned from South China, ministered to us each evening under a gracious anointing of the Spirit. How hearts were searched as we probed the depth of our consecrations, as we wondered why we were staying here in the land of light when so many are sitting in such obscure darkness. Each evening, at the close of the message, the Spirit of God spoke forth in the work of the Lord, and to follow more closely His leadings.

During the course of the convention, four of our ministers requested the endorsement of the District Presbytery for service on the foreign field; Brothers Floyd Thomas, Robert Thomas, Jack Opie, and Virgil Denney. The Presbytery was happy to place their endorsement upon these fine workers.

A World Missions offering of a little more than \$1000 in cash and pledges was received. We were impressed once again that Missions is God's program, and as we stress that phase of our work, God's blessings flow upon us in copious measures. Missions is the mission of the Church.—R. J. RENFROE.

Superintendent's Letter

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ally relative to the Burlingame work. We surely rejoice in the hearty response to the special appeal made in behalf of the needed help to procure the property there.

Mrs. Thurmond and I attended a missionary meeting at the Home of Peace in Oakland where it was my privilege to be the afternoon speaker. God is blessing the good work being done by Sister Carrie Judd Montgomery and co-workers in the interest of the missionaries. They are worthy of our support and prayers. Remember Sister Montgomery especially in prayer as she is not well in body.

A visit was made to the Temple Church, Oakland, and the ministry of Evangelist Paul Cook was enjoyed. We

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Our Faculty

When Glad Tidings Bible Institute was founded some twenty-five years ago, it was the intense desire of the founders, Brother and Sister Craig, to instill into the hearts of the students who attended an earnest desire to seek after the things of God. In order to do this it was of greatest importance that the faculty be composed of men and women with a deep Pentecostal experience.

In the ensuing years, members of the faculty have come and gone, and each has left behind a Pentecostal testimony which will ring out through the years. Our faculty today is made up of men and women of God—men and women whose lives are dedicated to His service.

J. Narver Gortner, our president, is one of those "war horses" who doesn't know what rest means. He teaches us such subjects as the Gospels, Old Testament I and II, Daniel and Revelation. Each student holds a tender spot in his heart toward Brother Gortner and is proud to proclaim him as our president.

Leland R. Keys is our vice president. Besides the many responsibilities of the school which rest upon his shoulders, he is our well-loved pastor. Brother Keys teaches Principles of Teaching, Pastoral Theology, Comparative Religions. He is a good example for the students who are going to be pastor to pattern after.

Dean Thomas J. Jones is one of those persons to whom anyone can go, and there find counsel for any matter whether it be business affairs or love affairs. The students have found him to be a friend and teacher who is a man of God. He teaches Epistles I and II, Major Prophets, Minor Prophets, Typology and Tabernacle. We are sure that God has sent him to us and indeed find him to be a necessity on our faculty.

Dr. Lucena E. Turner is a new addition to the faculty. She came to us this year as Dean of Women and has been a real mother and friend to the girls. We have never before had a Dean of

Women and are indeed grateful that she has come and found her place among the faculty and students.

Orville C. Smith, registrar, is the one to whom we must pay our hard-earned money. He seems to delight in keeping accounts up-to-date and in helping to prepare students for service of the Lord. Dispensational Truth, Bible Atlas, and Ancient History are taught by him.

When the students need an intercessor between faculty and students, Harry C. Warwick is usually found willing to be of assistance. He is interested not only in the spiritual needs of the students but in the material as well. His convincing manner usually gains for the students their desires, and thus he is liked by all. Brother Warwick teaches English I and II, Homiletics I and II, Doctrine I and II, Biblical Introduction, Church History, Public Speaking.

The latest addition to our faculty, and yet not so late, is Gaylord E. Atwell. Brother Atwell taught here a few years ago and has come back to resume his position as musical director. The position was filled by Nels G. Lien for the first three months of this school year, but Brother Lien has gone to be assistant pastor in Fresno. We were glad for the time he was with us. The classes which were taught by Brother Lien and have been taken over by Brother Atwell are Music I, II, and III, History of Missions, General Chorus I, II, and III, Personal Evangelism, and Hymnology.

Sister Annabell Keys is a fine pastor's wife, but added to her duties is that of teaching Bible Synthesis and Poetic Books. She is loved by all, and those who intend to become preacher's wives, if they can, will not go wrong by patterning after her.

Beretta Manley is teaching the junior students how to develop successful Sunday Schools. This is an interesting course and well worth the while of the students who are taking it.

For the studious student who wants

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Christ's Ambassadors

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PRESENTING . . .

Sectional Chairman

This month we are introducing Sectional Chairman Phyllis Brown of the South San Joaquin District. Sister Brown has been doing a grand job in the leadership of her district. Last October at the business meeting of her section she was again re-elected as chairman.

Every other month, sometimes oftener, Sister Brown sends a report of the activities of her district to your president. We appreciate this and suggest that all our Sectional Chairman keep us informed of the activities of yourselves and your district. Remember! We are interested!

Following is the report of the South San Joaquin District by Phyllis Brown.

Even though we are living in days of rationings, I am thankful that God doesn't ration His blessings. Therefore we can say, "Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."

Monday night, December 6, the C. A.s of Turlock Bethel Temple were happy to entertain the Southern San Joaquin Sectional C. A. rally. Hearts were stirred by the Holy Spirit as Brother Ted Ness, former Minnesota C. A. President, gave a timely message.

Our desire for the New Year is to "press toward the mark for the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." In these days of turmoil, we are unable to press on in our own strength alone, but as we are mellowed and broken in the hands of the Almighty, we realize more fully the joy of placing our hands in the nail-scarred hands and pressing on in His strength.

From time to time we find it easier for our groups to learn new choruses since we have had our own sectional chorus books. These choruses often aid



Phyllis Brown

A Dedicated Life

by CHAPLAIN DON LEHMANN

(Preached at Convention in Santa Cruz)

II Cor. 12:11-18 (v. 15). "I will very gladly spend and be spent on you." This passage of Scripture falls in a place where Paul has been forced to defend his apostolic authority against false apostles and has met their cruel charge that he is boasting. These verses lead one to the conclusion that Paul is boasting concerning his own ministry—and in at least one sense that conclusion is correct. However, his boast is absolutely necessary, and whether boasting or not, the facts concerning the ministry of the apostle attest to the utter truth of each statement. He has demonstrated that in his labors for Christ—and more particularly in his sufferings for Christ—he has been a true servant of his Lord. Therefore, in choosing the first portion of verse 15, I feel we have a key to the driving passion in the life of Paul,—regardless of placement in Scripture.

Paul's life was spent. Now when something is spent—it is gone. He spent till his life was gone, no longer his own, claims relinquished in favor of Calvary's Christ. "Yea doubtless and I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord; for whom I have suffered the loss of all things, and do count them but dung, that I may win Christ." (Phil. 3:7,8)

But we cannot intelligently spend until we know why we spend. When the Spirit of God has caused the light of salvation to dawn in our hearts, we begin deliberately to identify ourselves with Jesus Christ's interest in other people—and Jesus is interested in every

in carrying out the theme for the evening, too.

At the next rally, in Merced February 14, we are looking forward to having several newly organized groups of this section represented. Everyone is invited to share God's blessings with us!

kind of man there is. We have no right to be guided by our desires. We must love and spend not for what we see—but for whom we see: even Jesus. The dominant note is the command of Jesus.

The tendency is to put a goal or inspiration in front of us as an incentive. Friends, the source of a Christian's inspiration is not now and never has been visibly before him—it has always been and shall be behind and within him. That incentive is Jesus! Personal attachment to Jesus is the one thing we must never overlook. Our great danger is that God's call might be grounded by the needs of the people until human sympathy overwhelms what it means to spend and be spent for Jesus. We begin spending to alleviate suffering—and find we are spending for men, not for Jesus.

Let me illustrate: When I first reported to an army unit in the field, I was staggered by the situations I encountered. I dare say you have never seen sin in variety so obnoxiously grooved and fitted together as you are apt to find it in some situations in the armed forces. My heart and soul were cut to the quick. I said, "Lord, how can I count for You in this?" Then, while in prayer the Lord began to talk to me. "You're not here to build anything for me. You are here to let me build it through you. You are mine. Primarily you are here because I put you here. I'll take care of the rest of these things if you'll just let me take care of you first."

Then the light began to dawn: Folks, when He called us He took the responsibility for our failures at the same time that He insisted for the glory of our successes. Can you see it? Our responsibility begins and ends in a great climactic spending of ourselves to Jesus. Then, it is His business! That day God showed

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Alumni Echoes

Fong Yee Chow, '42, sends the following reports

"At present my heart's burden is for the Indians who are as much in need of the gospel as any other race. When the "red" and "yellow" come together to worship the only God, it's all the same. There is no distinction. Praise God for that!"

"My work is located three and one-half miles from the Weitchpec Assembly of God Church where Brother Hurless Teeters is pastor.

"God has certainly been a father, a mother, a brother, and a sister. He has proven Himself to be real in more instances than one.

"These dear people are hungry for God. Many are willing, and do walk for miles to hear the word, and God blesses them for their faithfulness. One family, especially, walks for three miles and back again.

"Of course, we have opposition and other things to contend with as in all other fields, but God's grace is sufficient. By faith we claim souls for the kingdom of God."

Another graduate of the Class of 1942, Johnnie C. Sanute, writes:

"After leaving G.T.B.I. I began to step out in the gospel work. I spent most of the time preaching here in California before going to Montana, Texas, Idaho, Oregon, Washington. I met some of the G.T.B.I. students in some of these places. I had five revival campaigns in 1942, and 93 people were saved, 19 baptized in the Holy Spirit. In 1943 I preached 42 times in California, and have baptized three persons in water. My ministry this year has been mostly in jail services and soldiers' camps. I am married now. I married one of our sisters in the Lord from Dallas, Texas."

Dr. R. M. Sinclair, a graduate of one of the early classes of the Bible Institute, writes in regard to her failing eyesight: "I know my Creator will fully restore my eyesight so that I can enjoy His creation and live the true life."

Lily Pickthorn, class of '31, and who is now an army nurse with the rank of Lieutenant, visited her parents in Sunnyside at Christmas time.

W.M. WEINMAN, Secretary

Esther Crews, Class of '31, has been teaching in Berean Bible School in San Diego, expects to return to the mission field in the spring. She has been a missionary to Nicaragua.

Studies in Daniel

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ment of God had been forgotten and the people had worshipped idols, bowing down to graven images, Jerusalem was now a desolation, the people of Judah in captivity, and the land inhabited by strangers. Read Jer. 44:1-6. In the land of their captivity to which they had been brought they purposed to be true to God. Where Daniel was at the time we do not know. There is no mention of him in connection with the affair. We can be certain that had he been present he too would have refused to bow down to the image. He was probably absent from the capital; it may be that he was engaged somewhere upon important business for the crown; at any rate he was not present.

Green-eyed envy was looking for an opportunity to accuse these three Hebrew captives, for, at the request of Daniel, they had been "set over the affairs of the province of Babylon" (2:49). Undoubtedly there were Babylonians who had desired this honor, and as envious men afterwards look for an opportunity to accuse Daniel (6:4), men on this occasion, moved by an accursed jealousy, hailed an opportunity they had been looking for to lodge a complaint against these captive Jews who had been placed by the king in positions of responsibility and trust. It appears that the king was loath to pronounce sentence upon them immediately; he gave them another opportunity to obey the decree. But they did not hesitate to assert that they desired no such opportunity; their minds were fully made up; they had resolved that they would not worship the image; it was contrary to their convictions, and to the express command of God, and to God they purposed to be faithful. The king might carry out his threat; he might cast them into the burning fiery furnace; their God was able to deliver them, and He would deliver them; but, even though

He might not deliver them, their minds were fully made up, and they affirmed with that true heroism that ought to characterize every child of God when confronted by a challenge of the enemy to do what is wrong, "Be it known unto thee, O king, that we will not serve thy gods, nor worship the golden image which thou hast set up." Paul wrote, "Quit you like men, be strong" (1 Cor. 16:13). One day I wrote,

Give us men of faith and courage,
Men of real backbone,
Men who dare to face the foe,
Dare to stand alone,
Men who fearless are and who
Jehovah's favor know,—
Men like Daniel, Shadrach,
Meshach and Abednego!

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Current Signs

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and Willkie to define what they believe to be the functions of the Christian church in the world today.

"To minister to the soldier who lies wounded and eager for the sight of home, to offer the final consolations of religion to the dying—these have been, and still are, the holy privileges of the chaplain," Roosevelt said. "To maintain a high resolve on the home front—a resolve based on spiritual values both on the field of battle and in the councils of peace—this has been, and still is, the supreme duty of the church militant."

Willkie said the church today has an unexcelled opportunity to exercise and develop leadership through both its clergy and laymen because "new patterns of human conduct will be measured and established . . . after the war. Particularly in the treacherous, degraded, allied fields of race hatred and nationalistic megalomania—dual philosophies antipathetic to all religious teachings—the church must lead a ceaseless, victorious fight for justice, moral and social."

Anti-Semitism

"I warn you very seriously against anti-Semitism and its cry against the Jews," General Smuts, of South Africa, recently stated. "I do not know of any country in the world that has attacked the Jews and has not paid heavily for its folly."

Sunday School News

MRS. BERNICE MAST, District Sunday School Representative
Morgan Hill, California

Pastor, Are You a Sunday School Man?

Are you aware that the General Council of the Assemblies of God has recently voted to make "The Lighthouse Plan" the national standard for Sunday School endeavor?

Have you noticed too, that the first of the twelve Lighthouse features, deals with the faithful attendance of the Pastor and S. S. Superintendent at Sunday School?

Some pastors feel the importance of this; others take little interest.

Some Sunday Schools go to the extreme of being conducted and governed entirely by the people. Their attitude is: "The pastor is in charge of the church, but the Sunday School belongs to us; what we do in the Sunday School is none of his business."

Other Sunday Schools go to the other extreme wherein the pastor fully and wholly conducts and governs the school. He is the Superintendent, Bible class teacher, Sunday School committee and all. . . . And the people sit back and let him do it.

Surely a fair look at these extremes will convince us that neither one is a healthy and profitable condition.

The Sunday School is definitely a part of the church; the church, a part of the Sunday School. The church is the parent of the Sunday School, and through the Sunday School comes the church of tomorrow. If we build for the church of tomorrow alone, then where is the church of today? If the church of today dies, there will probably be no church of tomorrow.

Church of today and church of tomorrow, the Sunday School system and the church of which it is a part—it is made up of folks like you and me.

If you are a pastor, then your church and your Sunday School are both parts of your flock and you are obligated to shepherd the whole.

To promote the unity of church and school, the pastor should be the spiritual and inspirational head of the Sunday School. Not only should he be present to lead in prayer occasionally, but

he may profitably fill the position of "Director of Sunday School Evangelism."

A great many Sunday Schools do not have a systematic plan for evangelistic effort, in spite of the fact that in the Sunday School is to be found the greatest of all evangelistic possibilities.

The pastor should recognize the importance of a practical workable system for evangelism in the Sunday School, provide one, and see that it is put into effect. It should be worked co-operatively by the pastor, Superintendent, teachers, and parents. A plan of this type naturally calls the pastor to another duty also which is to instruct the teachers of your school in evangelism. . . . For every teacher, to co-operate in the plan, must know how to explain the way of salvation clearly. And further, must be able to lead a soul to Christ properly and definitely.

The pastor, as evangelism instructor, should plan for and supervise Decision Day services. Such services have been neglected in many assemblies. Pastor, it is your duty to see that they are a part of your religious program.

As a faithful shepherd, the pastor will not only order and supervise Decision services for the Sunday School, but he will also do more than that, for if he does not, what will become of the newly born lambs of the fold? A class of instruction should be conducted by the pastor to encourage growth and understanding of spiritual things. Those new lambs must learn how to eat at God's table; they must know how to meet and defeat the enemy of their precious souls.

It is hardly possible to stress sufficiently, the importance of the pastor filling the position of "pastoral visitor for the Sunday School."

Clarence Benson says, "It is the home going pastor that makes church-going people." Most pastors make calls in the interest of the church, but let them remember that calls in the interest of the Sunday School are vitally important too. Build up interest for your Sunday School by adding this important effort to your list of duties.

BOYS AND GIRLS

Dear Boys and Girls:

Did you ever visit a picture gallery? A gallery where beautiful and famous pictures literally lined the walls of the room. A place where people walked quietly and studied the work of great artists?

Would you like to go? All right, let's visit the greatest art gallery of them all, the Bible Picture Gallery.

Strangely enough, we will do our visiting without going anywhere; and perhaps you will even be able to see the pictures better with your eyes closed.

Are you ready? Here we go. We will not have time to see all of the pictures today for there are far too many. In fact I believe we will have but time for one picture . . . a very special one though, one that I am sure you will like.

As I describe this picture to you, you are to try to let it paint itself on the open canvas of your mind and heart. You will notice, too, that I am leaving it nameless. You are to name it. Give it the most appropriate name you can think of. When you have decided write it on a postal card with your name and address, and send it to me, will you. With the help of some others, I will select the best title for our picture and will put it in next month's issue of the *Glad Tidings*.

Here is our picture: The background is made up of hills and valleys of various shades. The sides of the nearest hills are marked with the tracks of marching soldiers, the hoof prints of a dashing cavalry, and here and there the ruts made by the wheels of war chariots.

In the valley, at one corner of the picture, are the tents of a weary and frightened company of soldiers. Some of the soldiers are standing in a little group by one of the tents munching some good food sent to them from home while others strain their "worry-flushed eyes" to see all that takes place on the hill opposite their little camp.

On that hill opposite, towering above his armor bearer, is a massive, brawny hulk of a man; his giant stature is outlined against the sky beyond. He has large ugly features, and his large black eyes show hatred and a thirst for blood. The sun is high in the sky, and the huge giant's armor catches its beams and

throws flashes of light on the frightened army below.

In the center of the picture, by a small stream, is a lone figure of a boy. He doesn't wear a protecting armor, nor does he carry a gleaming sword by his side. He wears but the skin of an animal made into a shepherd's coat. Around his waist is a leather strap, and fastened to it is a crudely made leather bag.

In the boy's right hand is a simple shepherd's sling. He is in a stooped position for he is picking up a small round smooth stone from the cool bed of the little brook. By the bulge in the bag at his waist we judge that he has already picked up four others similar in size and shape.

The boy wears a look of perfect trust; and at the same time we notice an eagerness in his eyes, an eagerness to do quickly a hard job in the name of his God.

This is an interesting picture, and God Himself is the Artist. I like it, don't you?

It is up to you to give the picture a name. I will be anxious to hear which name you have chosen.

Next month we will visit this wonderful picture gallery again.

Until then, may God bless you,
Your Sister Mast.

Faculty

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to become better acquainted with his New Testament, Greek is taught. Brother John M. Yanicks, a Greek professor, teaches this each Thursday evening.

Each of our teachers spends time in study and prayer before presenting his subjects to us. We as students appreciate our godly leaders and trust that we shall be laborers for God of whom they can be proud.

We are indeed grateful for the teachers under whom we are learning. God has called us here and called them here; together we can have blessed fellowship and communion with Him.

DOROTHY THURMOND.

The auto is not responsible for the falling off of Church attendance. The fool thing will stand in the middle of the road until you tell it where to go. It's the man behind the wheel that's to blame.—*Billy Sunday.*

Dedicated Life

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me something: The delight of the Christian is not to throw away his life—but to deliberately lay it down for Him. Hear me, it is for Him—not for people, for needs, or a cause, but for Jesus. Jesus told me all that He wanted was me.

We take odd attitudes toward spending ourselves: Some of us say that after all it is His business to spend us, not ours. Whereas that is true, it is equally true that He cannot spend what He doesn't own. Who owns you? If you won't spend yourself, He can't spend you.

Others say I'll spend just so much of myself. I am constrained to believe that the old remark is true that if "Christ is not Lord of all He is not Lord at all." All God desires is our unmeasured devotion. A devotion that is moved by love alone. That is being spent for Jesus. Nothing left! Turn with me in the Scripture and look at a picture of that kind of devotion:

(Mark 14:1-14) Feast in Bethany six days prior to passover—Jesus was a guest. House of Simon the Leper. Mary Martha and Lazarus (may be relatives). Disciples; anger—exceedingly—and they thought righteously. (Judas thought by thieving instinct.) Mary was misunderstood. Could only see her waste in presence of need. Disciples arose from anger—not covetousness. Mary showed magnificent impulse and an understanding of Jesus because of previous close experiences. Mary meets his hour of anguish with keen intuition. Impulsive ness here is not a sign of weakness. Motivating force of an impulse determines its good or its evil. She was unconventional, uncalculating, imprudent. (Judas couldn't understand, nor other disciples.) It was an act born of love and real love dares not calculate. The impulsive showering of the most precious gift available was a grand thing. No careful mechanical, mathematical calcu lation of how little or how much.

Measure Mary by her heart not by her display of intelligence.

When we get to the place of abandon to God our lives will more perfectly tell for Jesus. He calls us and commissions us.

Speaking of commissions, in the last

six months I have had the privilege of being educated along the line of commissions. In the service we have commissioned officers and non-commissioned officers and enlisted men. The commissioned men are supposed to look differently, talk differently, walk differently, have a better bearing, and be better men. They are the pick, the cream of the crop. Incidentally, after they received their commissions they soon discovered that they had ceased to work on a common sense basis. Things that appear foolish we do. Not because they are sensible but because we are ordered and commissioned to do them. Not because they are sensible or because we understand them but because the "C.O." cut an order. That commissioned officer is to devote his life to his work. His family, his home, his loved ones, and he himself are subordinate to the building of an army effective in combat.

If the parallel is not yet clear allow me to say that when you receive a commission from the Lord Jesus Christ —you are off the common sense basis of worship. That is to say, you serve because you love—not because you see light. Can you imagine anything more ridiculous than 120 in the Upper Room for days on end waiting for the day of Pentecost and an outpouring of the Holy Ghost? Logic does not substantiate it. Reason does no corroborate it. Education perhaps wouldn't have tolerated it. No precedent augmented it. But was it worth it all? Amen and amen! Faith substantiated it and devotion demanded it. One man said, "At the bar of common sense the statements of Jesus may seem mad, but at the bar of faith they are the Words of God."

Oh, for the unmeasured, unpremeditated devotion of a Mary. I mean to inform you that a life not really spent for Christ—and I mean spent—is no aid to God in the army. When off-color stories are told, trials occur, advice is asked, officers come for counsel, men come for conference, it takes God's man—and I mean God's sold-out, spent man—to stand in the gap. And remember that this group of service men we see is a civilian army; they are largely what they've always been—not greatly changed. So what is true in the army is true in your shop, your office, your home, your school or college, your pastorate. It takes God's man—I repeat it,

God's sold-out spent, man to stand in the gap.

Oh, the thrill of giving to Him. Have you ever done that? Oh, yes, I know probably 95 per cent of this assembled group is saved . . . but that wasn't my question. Have you ever poured yourself upon Jesus? Have you ever tasted the sweetness of Jesus as your life is broken and deliberately laid down at His feet. I mean deliberately, intentionally, with no reserve—to be His? If you are seeking your Baptism this afternoon, hear me: All God wants is you—all of you. Devotion from the inside out showered upon the Master. Now, I didn't say dedicate your life *for*. So often that is the appeal—dedicate for the mission field—the ministry. No! Just dedicate your life (period). And if you *insist* on a preposition, let me suggest that you dedicate your life "to." (After all, the *for* is His business.)

In conclusion of this service, I would like our C.A.s to say from your heart, "I will very gladly spend and be spent for souls for Christ." I will spend in prayer for the service men. I will be spent for them before God. Friends, if I could take you into any average service men's camp for three days, you'd pray for them—your brothers, your loved ones, your boy friends,—you'd give God the time—you'd be spent for them. Will you pour yourselves in adoration and devotion before Christ without reserve? Paul said, "*I will very gladly spend and be spent for you.....*" and be assured that Christ accepted his offering.

Superintendent's Letter

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also went to Richmond to hear Evangelist Arthur Arnold. Surely God is blessing the work of these evangelists and they can be recommended to any who are in need of evangelists.

A Sunday morning service was held in Ceres, also a meeting with the board as Pastor Harry Oeth had resigned and had been called to Tuolumne, pastor "Jack" White having resigned there. Evangelist Sherman Cox from Washington, who transferred into the district this past year, was elected to be the new pastor in Ceres.

Brother Lee Constant of Vacaville has been seriously ill, but we rejoice that the Lord has touched him. A precious time of service and fellowship was

had with the Vacaville saints and Brother and Sister Constant and family as I visited there.

The Oakland fellowship meeting held in the First Pentecostal Church was a joint meeting of the Eastbay and Peninsula districts. It was a real blessing to all who attended. I believe it is helpful to have these combined meetings at times to fellowship with those of other subdistricts.

A visit was made to Summit City with Brother and Sister Nelson who are pastors of our Home Missions work there. We also called upon Brother and Sister Bard in Central Valley. On the return trip a call was made on Brother Gaston and Brother A. Lebeck in Sacramento relative to the midwinter convention arrangements, and found that they had plans worked out anticipating our coming.

A Sunday morning service was held with Pastor Irving Ford and his people of the Gospel Light Church in East Oakland. The following evening a business meeting affiliating the work with the Council was held. God is blessing the work of Brother and Sister Ford, and plans are made for erection of a new church as soon as war conditions will permit.

We called upon the El Cerrito church of which Brother and Sister L. H. Rogers are the pastors, and found a fine group of people attending the services. A good foundation is being laid there and the work is already self-supporting so that it no longer needs Home Missions help. For this we praise the Lord.

I close this report with anticipation of seeing you at the convention, and that we may have a time of spiritual fellowship together that will draw our hearts together in worship, praise, and fellowship with our Lord Jesus.

God bless you one and all.

R. J. THURMOND.

For the weariest day
May Christ be thy stay!
For the darkest night
May Christ be thy light!
For the weakest hour
May Christ be thy power!
For each moment's fall
May Christ be thy all!—F.R.H.

Modern Miracles

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men an opportunity to confess their sins to Christ and to stir them for God. In military service unless an occasional evangelical chaplain gives a gospel invitation there is little opportunity for any such move for God and few men will turn to Christ unless there is some provocation. A strong program of military evangelism would bring thousands of men into contact with Christ and salvation through His blood. Provided for the chaplains by capable evangelists this would reap a great harvest among those who, facing the horror of war, realizing their need of more than educational genius or financial security, are eagerly seeking God, most of them for the first time in their lives.

shipped 65,000 Scripture volumes.

It is possible to prevent casualties from becoming fatalities, and we must present a stronger spiritual home front to the heroes of battle that return when peace is come.

A Remedy

Three chief measures are at our disposal to reach the unsaved and prevent tremendous spiritual loss among our men at war. First, to distribute gospel literature in such abundant quantities and by such efficient distribution that no man be missed. Second, the establishment of centers of Christian environment and service at every military training area so that any man will find easily accessible and always available, a refuge from the atrocious attacks of the enemy. And third, a program of military evangelism that will send workers into every training area and military post that is accessible, carrying the message of salvation to men who may never be reached in civil life. It can be done and if it isn't done we cannot lay the blame for sons lost at any one else's door. The opportunity is at hand and the door is open. Another year will be too late for many. "Why stand ye here all the day idle?" Matthew 20:6. There is something you can do, if not to be a worker, then to make possible other workers who can go, or the distribution of gospel literature in your area.

Dare we rejoice in the glories of the past and not accept the challenge of the future?

"The faith that moves us moves God."

The All-Sufficient Christ

To the artist He is the One Altogether Lovely.
To the architect He is the Chief Corner Stone.
To the banker He is the Hidden Treasure.
To the biologist He is the Life.
To the builder He is the Sure Foundation.
To the carpenter He is the Door.
To the baker He is the Living Bread.
To the doctor He is the Great Physician.
To the educator He is the great Teacher.
To the engineer He is the New and Living Way.
To the farmer He is the Sower and the Lord of the Harvest.
To the florist He is the Lily of the Valley.
To the geologist He is the Rock of Ages.
To the horticulturist He is the True Vine.
To the juror He is the Faithful and True Witness.
To the jeweler He is the Pearl of Great Price.
To the lawyer He is the Counsellor, the Advocate.
To the philanthropist He is the Unspeakable Gift.
To the philosopher He is the Wisdom of God.
To the preacher He is the Word of God.
To the servant He is the Good Master.
To the soldier He is the Captain of the host.
To the statesman He is the Desire of all Nations.
To the student He is the incarnate Truth.
To the toiler He is the Giver of Rest.
To the sinner He is the Lamb of God that taketh away the sin of the world.
To the Christian He is the Son of the Living God, the Saviour, the Redeemer and Lord.

The All-Sufficient Christ

"Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved."
(Acts xvi. 31)

—Selected.

"An Indispensable Part"

If Christ is the Door, you are the door-keeper to open or close it for others.

If He is the Light of the world, you are the bearer of that light to the end of the earth.

If He is the Vine, you are the fruit-bearing branch that draws life from that Vine.

If He is the Bread of Life, you are to break it to those who hunger.

If He is the Truth, you are the truth-bearer the interpreter of the truth.

If He is the bright and Morning star, you are to brush aside the clouds that veil His beauty from the world, that humanity may see and live forever.

Oh glorious Truth that we are an indispensable part of the great plan and program of the Father.—Selected.

Praising yourself to the skies is not going to get you there.

In Russia

According to "The Mennonite," recent missionary travellers in Russia estimated that there are at least 25,000,000 Evangelical believers (Baptists, Evangelical Christians, and others) and 50,000,000 or more Orthodox Catholic Christians in the country. Many of the latter have come to a clearer understanding of saving faith through terrible hardships through which they are going, and through much contact with the Evangelicals. Other missionary authorities have repeatedly said this, in substance: "If full freedom should be established in Russia, that land today would doubtless prove to be the most evangelical land on the globe. It would put all other so-called Protestant lands into the shade." —Methodist Protestant Recorder.

It is the cause and not the death that makes the martyr.

The Christian's Daily Questionnaire

1. Does my life please God?
2. Do I enjoy being a Christian?
3. Do I cherish in my heart a feeling of dislike or hatred for anyone?
4. Am I studying my Bible daily?
5. How much time do I spend in secret prayer?
6. How long has it been since I won a soul to Christ?
7. How long since I had a direct answer to prayer?
8. Do I estimate the things of time and eternity at their true value?
9. Am I praying and working for anyone's salvation?
10. Is there anything I cannot give up for Christ?
11. How does my life look to those who are not Christians?
12. Where am I making my greatest mistake?
13. Do I place anything before my Christian duties?
14. Am I honest with the Lord's money?
15. Have I neglected any known duty?
16. Is the world better or worse for my living in it?
17. Am I doing anything that I would condemn in others?
18. Do I have a clear conception of my place in the Lord's work?
19. What am I doing to hasten the coming of Jesus?
20. Am I doing as Christ would do in my place?

The Christian's daily testimony should be "Only to be what He wants me to be — every moment of every day."

—From *Contact*.

Old Roosevelt Home

Hunter College in New York is taking over the old Roosevelt family home at 47-49 East 65th Street, New York City, and will set it up as an inter-faith center. The residence will be converted into a general meeting place, serving as a center for religious fellowship and social activities of the college, which, just now, is training many young men for military activities.—*Pathfinder*.

If a man would be a hunter, he must go among the trees
And he couldn't be a sailor if he would not sail the seas
How strange that any member of the Church should think that he
Can stay away from worship and a worthy member be.